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THE FOLLOWING ARE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL:

A. HOST GOVERNMENT HAS NOT EXPRESSED INTEREST IN VIDEO
TELECONFERENCING EVEN AFTER A WELL-PUBLICIZED, POST-INITIATED SEMINAR
IN MARCH 1977 WHICH RAISED THE POSSIBILITY FOR USE IN MEDICAL EDU-
CATION. BACKGROUND OF SEMINAR DESCRIBED IN USIS FIELD MESSAGE NUMBER
10 OF MAY 4, 1977 (COPY BEING POUCHED TO BOGOTA).

B. TECHNICAL AREAS IN WHICH PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY IS HIGHEST ARE:

- (1) HEALTH SERVICES; (2) AGRICULTURE;
- (3) STEEL INDUSTRY; (4) PROCESS OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY;
- (5) URBAN PLANNING AND CONTROL;
- (6) EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

C. LANGUAGE BARRIERS WOULD PROBABLY BE GREATEST IN AGRICULTURE AND
TO A LESSER EXTENT, IN THE STEEL INDUSTRY. IT WOULD BE LESS IN
OTHER AREAS. MANY TECHNICAL EXPERTS HAVE A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF
ENGLISH, BUT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO HAVE SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION
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FACILITIES AVAILABLE.

D. THE MOST SUBSTANTIAL AREAS OF COOPERATION IN TECHNICAL AREAS
INVOLVING THE USG ARE: (1) THE FAA WHICH HAS CONTRACT WITH THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR CIVIL AVIATION
AUTHORITIES; (2) REIMBURSABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, WHICH MANAGE
TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAMS, ARE EXPANDING AND ARE TO HAVE A FULL-

TIME OFFICER BASED IN CARACAS. RDP PROGRAMS ARE MANY AND VARIED AND REPRESENT A CONDUIT OF TECHNOLOGY FROM THE US TO THE GOV.

EXTENSIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS ALSO PROVIDED BY THE US RPRIVATE SECTOR, BOTH AS DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL AFFILIATES, E.G. THE AUTO-

MOBILE INDUSTRY, AND THROUGH TECHNICAL SERVICE CONTRACTS WITH VENEZUELAN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES, E.G. THE NATIONALIZED OIL INDUSTRY. WE HAVE NO ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF EXPERTS INVOLVED IN SUCH ASSISTANCE.

3. IN THE DISCUSSION OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER THERE ARE NO TOPICS THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED TOO CONTROVERSIAL.

F. THE MOST DESIRABLE TOPICS ARE HEALTH SERVICES, AGRICULTURE, AND THE PROCESS OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. SEMINARS ON THESE TOPICS WERE HELD LAST YEAR AND THE EMBASSY FINDS THERE IS CONTINUED INTEREST IN THESE AREAS.

G. THE CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT BE SCHEDULED FOR ANY TIME DURING THE EASTER SEASON OR FROM DEC. 15 TO JAN. 10 OR ON ANY SCHEDULED NATIONAL HOLIDAY PER LIST PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED TO USDOC.

H. REQUESTED LIST IS PRESENTLY UNAVAILABLE.

I. AT A MINIMUM, APPROVAL WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM THE FOLLOWING OFFICES: (1) MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, DEPARTMENT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION;
(2) MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATION.

J. THERE IS AN INTELSAT RECEIVING STATION WHICH HAS CHANNELS FOR TV. CARACAS STATIONS HAVE RECEIVED AND BROADCAST SATELLITE TRANSMISSIONS IN THE PAST AND HAVE ALL THE NECESSARY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT.

K. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE REFERENCED FIELD MESSAGE DESCRIBES THE SEMINAR THAT WAS HELD IN CARACAS LAST YEAR. THE SEMINAR WAS WELL-RECEIVED BUT THERE WAS NO FOLLOW-UP. BECAUSE OF THIS EXPERIENCE IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE HOST GOVERNMENT RECEPTIVENESS.

L. THE EMBASSY WOULD BE PLEASED TO ASSIST.
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